

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BRASIL 01831 091531Z  
ACTION OES-07

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 EB-08 CG-00 DOTE-00 INT-05  
L-03 USIA-06 DLOS-09 SS-15 NSC-05 /069 W  
-----034088 100614Z /10

R 091413Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6468  
INFO USDOC WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO  
AMCONSUL SAO PAULO  
AMCONSUL BELEM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BRASILIA 1831

COMMERCE FOR NOAA/NMFS

MEXICO FOR REGIONAL FISHATT

EO 11652 NA  
TAGS EFIS BTRA BR  
SUBJECT: JOINT FISHING VENTURES: PRESS REPORTS GOB POSITION REMAINS  
UNFLEXIBLE; BRAZILIAN FISHERMEN CRITICIZE JOINT VENTURE IDEA

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) SUMMARY: RECENT PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT  
THE GOB WILL NOT MODIFY ITS MODEL JOINT FISHING VENTURE (JFV) AGREEME  
NT  
IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US. SEVERAL BRAZILIAN FISHING COMPANIES  
HAVE PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE GOB FOR ALLOWING FOREIGN VESSELS TO  
CONTINUE TO FISH IN BRAZILIAN WATERS UNDER JFV AGREEMENTS  
RATHER THAN DIRECTLY ASSISTING THE COMPANIES TO MODERNIZE THEIR  
OPERATIONS. GOB OFFICIALS HAVE REBUTTED THIS ARGUMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. SINCE THE SUSPENSION OF US-GOB TALKS ON A JFV AGREEMENT BY THE  
BRAZILIAN DELEGATION ON FEB 17, PRESS REPORTING ON THE SUBJECT HAS  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BRASIL 01831 091531Z

BEEN GENERALLY LOW KEY AND ACCURATE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ATTRI-  
BUTING THE INITIATIVE TO SUSPEND NEGOTIATIONS TO THE US SIDE.  
HOWEVER, ON MARCH FIRST, THE PRO-GOVERNMENT "O GLOBO", CITING  
OFFICIAL FONMIN SOURCES, REPORTED THAT "THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT  
DOES NOT INTEND TO CHANGE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NEW (JFV) AGREEMENT  
WHICH IS PART OF A NEW GENERAL FISHING POLICY WHICH BRAZIL IS ADOP-  
TING." THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE US DELEGATION BROKE OFF NEGOTIA-

TIONS, "ALLEGING THAT THEY HAD TO CONSULT WASHINGTON. SO FAR  
ITAMARATY (FONMIN) HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY REQUEST TO RESUME NEGOTIATION  
S  
NOR HAS THE US PRESENTED ANY COUNTERPROPOSAL TO THE AGREEMENT."

3. ON MARCH 6, "JORNAL DO BRASIL" PUBLISHED THE SUMMARY OF A  
REPORT DELIVERED THE SAME DAY TO SUDEPE HEADQUARTERS IN BRASILIA  
BY SEVERAL BRAZILIAN SHRIMP FISHING COMPANIES BASED IN THE NORTH  
AND NORTHEAST DENOUNCING THE JFV IDEA AS INJURIOUS TO THEIR  
INDUSTRY AND NORTHERN SHRIMP STOCKS. CITING THE HIGH OPERATING  
COSTS BRAZILIAN FISHING BOATS PAY COMPARED TO FOREIGN VESSELS  
(US\$588/DAY VS. US\$418/DAY), THE FISHERMEN PREFER THAT THE GOVERN-  
MENT ESTABLISH "OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS" WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO  
OBTAIN THE SAME PROFITS AS FOREIGN FLEETS, RATHER THAN OPENING  
THE NORTHERN FISHING GROUNDS TO FOREIGN VESSELS WHICH WOULD  
OPERATE UNDER JFV.

4. NOTING THAT 250 SHRIMP BOATS WILL NOW BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE  
IN THE NORTHERN FISHING GROUNDS, THE REPORT ALSO STATES THAT THIS  
NUMBER WILL DRASTICALLY REDUCE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE 45 BRAZILIAN  
VESSELS NOW IN THE AREA AS WELL AS OVERFISH THE SHRIMP STOCKS.

5. AS REPORTED IN "JORNAL DO BRASIL" (MAR. 8), SUDEPE ISSUED A  
STATEMENT DENYING RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE REPORT AND REFUTING THE  
CHARGE THAT THE JFV CONCEPT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO EITHER BRAZILIAN  
INDUSTRY OR FISHING GROUNDS. THE STATEMENT ALSO CORRECTED PREVIOUS  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03      BRASIL 01831 091531Z

PRESS REPORTING, NOTING THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US WERE  
SUSPENDED BY THE BRAZILIAN SIDE. ACCORDING TO "JORNAL DE BRASILIA"  
(MAR. 7), SUDEPE OFFICIALS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A MEETING WAS TO  
BE HELD ON MAR. 7 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL FISHING COMPANIES  
TO DISCUSS THE JFV IDEA AND STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERESTED  
COUNTRIES. CONCERNING SHRIMP FISHING, THE MEETING WAS ALSO TO  
INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF THE NUMBER OF BOATS TO BE PERMITTED TO  
OPERATE IN THE NORTHERN AREA.  
END UNCLASSIFIED.

6. (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY SUSPECTS  
THAT THE REPORT CITED IN PARAS. 3-4 ABOVE MAY BE JUST THE  
EXPECTED REACTION OF BRAZILIAN FISHING COMPANIES TO SMALL TO ATTRACT  
FOREIGN JFV PARTNERS, WE ARE CONCERNED, BUT NOT SURPRISED, BY  
THE FONMIN'S COMMENTS TO "O GLOBO" AND WILL SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY  
TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF OUR JFV AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE  
FONMIN AND SUDEPE.(END LOU)  
JOHNSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, JOINT VENTURES, FISHERMEN, FISHING AGREEMENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 09 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978BRASIL01831  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780107-0733  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BRASILIA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780389/aaaacxly.tel  
**Line Count:** 112  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** dc09d9ca-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION OES  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3392424  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** JOINT FISHING VENTURES: PRESS REPORTS GOB POSITION REMAINS UNFLEXIBLE; BRAZILIAN FISHERMEN CRITICIZE JOINT VENTURE IDEA  
**TAGS:** EFIS, BTRA, SOPN, BR, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/dc09d9ca-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014